

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Program Announcement

Cal/EPA-U.S. EPA Environmental Technology Certification/Verification Pilot Program
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The California Environmental Protection Agency ([Cal/EPA](#)) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ([U.S. EPA](#)) seek companies with innovative environmental technologies to participate in a national performance verification pilot program. Pollution prevention and waste treatment technologies are particularly encouraged. Benefits to participants will be significant, including national recognition as an environmental technology industry leader. Verification of a technology's performance can facilitate acceptance of a technology nationally and internationally, resulting in increased use of the technology and commensurate increases in product sales.

California's Hazardous Waste Environmental Technology Certification Program, operated by the Cal/EPA's Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), is the first of its kind in the nation and is now in its fifth year of implementation. Recently, U.S. EPA and DTSC entered into a cooperative agreement to conduct one of twelve pilot national verification programs. Participants in this pilot program are invited to enter the fee-for-service Cal/EPA certification program.* A portion of the fees normally charged for certification are subsidized through the U.S. EPA grant.

For those technologies selected, Cal/EPA establishes multi-disciplinary teams which, in consultation with the applicants, identify the specific performance claims and establish criteria for evaluating the claims. If field testing is required, it is normally the responsibility of the applicant. The technology evaluation teams review and approve test plans, and review the results of the field tests in conjunction with other technical information submitted with the application. Proposed verification and certification decisions are published for public review.

Preference is given to technologies applicable to pollution prevention and waste treatment. Technologies of use in electronics, metal plating and finishing, petroleum refining, iron and steel, auto manufacturing, and printing industries are of particular interest. Technologies must be near or already at full-scale operation, exhibit technical success, and show potential market acceptance.

Applications to participate in this new and exciting pilot program may be obtained by completing and returning the "Request for Application" form. The Application, which will require detailed information concerning your technology, can be mailed to you upon receipt of your request. Applications are being accepted on an on-going basis.

We encourage you to apply to participate and take advantage of this new and potentially rewarding opportunity.

*Criteria for acceptance into this certification program include that the technology be: (1) non-incineration and (2) hazardous waste related.

For a copy of the "Request for Application" form or for more information, contact us at:

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